



DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY
BUREAU OF THE FISCAL SERVICE
WASHINGTON, DC 20227

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MuckRock News
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RE: FOIA #2018-11-072

Sent via email at: 63671-91261506@requests.muckrock.com

Dear Sirs:

This is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request that was received in our office on November 15, 2018, seeking:

1. all records of payments
 - a) from the Judgment Fund,
 - b) via any U.S. Treasury check bearing the annotation "ATTN: JUDGMENT FUND CLERK" or otherwise drawable from the Judgment Fund, or
 - c) via any other payment made from the U.S. Treasury in relation to any civil action or complaint, including ones settled out of court or in an administrative proceeding, such as the FTCA;
2. including any letter(s) accompanying such a check; and
3. including any aggregate records such as databases, spreadsheets, reports, etc. relating to litigation costs or payments; but
4. NOT including:
 - a) the check itself, UNLESS the other records provided do not provide the amount, date, payee, and reason for payment (e.g. case number), or
 - b) records that would tend to identify confidential informants.

The report of Judgment Fund payments is published online at:

<https://fiscal.treasury.gov/judgment-fund/annual-report-congress.html>. We cannot produce additional reports tailored to meet the specifics of the request without extensive programming, manual review, and manual reconciliation outside of normal operational business. An inquirer may conduct a targeted search if they wish using the publicly available search tool at: <https://jfund.fiscal.treasury.gov/jfundSearchWeb/JFPymtSearchAction.do>.

If you consider this response to be a partial denial of your FOIA request you have the right to file an administrative appeal within 90 days of the date of this letter. By filing an appeal, you preserve your rights under FOIA and give the agency a chance to review and reconsider your request and the agency's decision. Your appeal must be in writing, must be signed by you, and should contain the reason(s) why you are appealing. Your appeal should be addressed to:

U.S. Department of the Treasury
Bureau of the Fiscal Service
FOIA APPEAL
Attn: FOIA Disclosure Office/Room 508B
3201 Pennsy Drive, Building E
Landover, MD 20785

Both your letter and its envelope should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal." The deciding official on your appeal will be the Fiscal Service Commissioner or her designee. Please include your FOIA identification number on all related correspondence and provide a copy of this letter if possible.

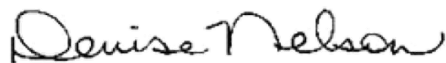
If you would like to discuss our response before filing an appeal to attempt to resolve your dispute without going through the appeals process, you may contact our FOIA Public Liaison for assistance at: 202-622-8098 or the FOIA Requester Service Center at: 202-874-5602.

If you are unable to resolve your FOIA dispute through our FOIA Public Liaison, the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS), the Federal FOIA Ombudsman's office, offers mediation services to help resolve disputes between FOIA requesters and Federal agencies. The contact information for OGIS is:

Office of Government Information Services
National Archives and Records Administration
8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS
College Park, MD 20740-6001
202-741-5770
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ogis.archives.gov

We trust this information is helpful.

Sincerely,



Denise Nelson
Co-Disclosure Officer

cc: FOIA Files